

P. O. BUSIEST PLACE IN CITY

Increased Staff Handling Alien Registrations

Busiest place in Torrance this week was the postoffice where, in addition to transacting normal postal business, an augmented staff was attending to sales of Defense Bonds and Stamps, informing hundreds of motorists that the local supply of automobile stamps were exhausted and ten were registering enemy aliens.

"The only job we haven't undertaken yet is directing the local rationing of sugar and other supplies—and we may get that duty before long," Postmaster Earl Conner commented between dashes from his office to the windows to the registration center set up along the west wall of the postoffice building.

"I would be glad if The Herald would announce that our supply of 5,000 Federal Internal Revenue auto stamps, which went on sale Jan. 19 was completely exhausted 10 days later on last Thursday and we haven't yet received another shipment," Conner said. "We ordered 2,500 more on Jan. 27 from the west coast headquarters of the Bureau of Internal Revenue at San Francisco. We are only the agents for the Bureau and our postal instructions are that the stamps will be on sale throughout the month of February. So far as the postoffice department there is no other deadline other than Feb. 28."

Starting Monday, a staff of ten, headed by Postmaster Conner and his assistant, Lou Deinger, began registering alien Japanese, Germans and Italians, James Yoshinobu, Miss Sakaya Inouye and Miss Tomiye Nagayama, local members of the Japanese-American Citizens League, and Frank Sugiura, also of Torrance, are assisting as interpreters. Others conducting the registrations are Mrs. Maude Deinger, Mrs. Lillian Schott, Mrs. Arthella Shively and Mrs. Laura Kellogg.

At 10 o'clock this morning 368 aliens had been registered here, Conner reported.

The registration will continue through Monday, Feb. 9, following this schedule: Tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.; Sunday, Feb. 8, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

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Air Raid Wardens Visiting Homes to Give Information

Torrance Air Raid Wardens are meeting their constituents this week.

Following their regular bi-weekly instruction at the Civic Auditorium last night, each warden was given a supply of leaflets which are to be distributed at the homes in each one's sector of operations.

There are 38 districts within the city limits. The wardens are passing out the leaflets to get acquainted with residents in their sectors and to give information that will help the people protect themselves in case of air raids.

There are 11 points to follow when the Air Raid Warden calls, each listed in the leaflet together with some simple rules governing actions in event of raids. The leaflet, issued under the signature of Eusebio H. La Guardia, director of Civilian Defense, concludes:

"Remember what your Air Raid Warden's name is, what he looks like, where he is to be found. He is your best friend in an emergency. He can protect you and help you to do your share in defeating the Japs, Nazis, or any other enemy!"

Torrance School Total Drops

Lomita, Harbor City Gains in New Term Enrollment

While Torrance was losing 112 of its school population, Lomita and Harbor City schools gained 393 pupils, a survey of comparative first day enrollments for the new term this year and in 1941 revealed today. Torrance high school dropped 119 students for the greatest loss in enrollment, due, according to Principal Thomas Elson, to many families moving out of the city closer to defense jobs. Torrance Elementary school showed a loss of 28 pupils from last Feb. 5, 1941, while Fern Avenue school gained 20 and the Walteria school reported an increase of 15 boys and girls.

The total enrollment Monday when the second semester began in Torrance was 2,060 as compared with 2,172 for the first day of the new term in 1941. Lomita and Harbor City school enrollment totalled 2,551 Monday, 2,158 a year ago. The total for the entire district this week was 4,611 as compared with 4,330 last year. The individual school enrollments follow:

SCHOOL	MONDAY FEB. 5, 1941	1940
Torrance High School	799	918
Torrance Elementary	803	831
Fern Avenue School	338	318
Walteria School	120	105
TORRANCE TOTAL	2,060	2,172
Narbonne High School	1,205	1,102
Lomita Elementary	462	410
Orange Street School	566	389
Harbor City School	318	307
LOMITA TOTAL	2,551	2,188
DISTRICT TOTAL	4,611	4,360

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Torrance Folk Give Blood to Armed Forces



As one of the 63 local residents who contributed their blood last Friday to the Army and Navy at the Los Angeles headquarters of the Red Cross Blood Donor service, Mayor Tom McGuire is shown here giving his pint of the life-fluid under supervision of Dr. O. A. Kearns while Judge John Shidler and Mrs. R. R. Smith, chairman of the Torrance branch of the Red Cross, who arranged the series of "plasma pilgrimages," look on.

Service Stations Adopt 12-Hour Day Schedule

Torrance service station operators this week inaugurated a schedule of business hours calculated to extensively further both the national defense program and local business conditions.

Announcing that effective Sunday, Feb. 8, all gasoline stations in Torrance will be open from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., the local dealers pressed plans for informing the public of the new oil station shopping hours.

Explaining that shortages of automotive accessory equipment, industrial demands for electric power, manpower shortages, and self-imposed restrictions of civilian night motoring have forced a change in service sta-

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63 Make 'Plasma Pilgrimages'

Shuttling back and forth in police and private cars, 63 Torrance residents made a series of "plasma pilgrimages" to the American Red Cross Blood Donor headquarters on Western ave. in Los Angeles last Friday, each contributing a pint of blood to the Army and Navy.

Mrs. R. R. Smith, chairman of the Torrance Red Cross branch, was at the donor center throughout the day, greeting her fellow residents as they appeared in response to Judge John Shidler's appeal for volunteers. Director Alsop said the Torrance contingent was the first city group to give a complete consignment of blood for shipment to Berkeley laboratories where the fluid is processed into dried plasma.

"Just as soon as we receive our mobile unit, we'll send it to

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Waste Paper Depot Located In Prado Park

A three-day campaign to clear all waste paper from Torrance started today when the Torrance Legion Post building fund for reconstruction of the earthquake damaged Carson st. clubhouse.

Mrs. Smith and Shidler indicated they would have no difficulty in signing up the 120 persons whose blood will make two consignments to the laboratory. On the contrary, both declared

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Lack of Steel Halting Quake Repair Jobs On Buildings Here

"Our city officials should get up on their hind-legs immediately and raze at our congressmen and senators back in Washington to find out why we can't get the comparatively small amount of steel needed to finish the job of earthquake reconstruction here," Charles V. Jones of the Torrance Lumber Company declared emphatically this week.

"The government gave our firm an A-8 priority rating several weeks ago to dispense structural steel to re-construction jobs in Torrance," Jones pointed out. "That meant there were only 16 priority numbers between us and the top. But the top two priority rating holders are the only ones getting steel—the Army and Navy is getting first choice, naturally."

"We obtained some sucker rods (three-quarter inch) this week but the small stuff necessary for structural tie-ins is impossible to get. If the president of our builders, who have gone ahead and torn down quake-damaged portions of their buildings preparatory to reconstruction, is not called to the immediate attention of Washington authorities and members of Congress, we're going to be stuck with a lot of half-demolished buildings until the war is over," Jones declared.

January Building Totals \$112,599 For New Record

Re-construction of structural damage done by the Nov. 14 earthquake accounted for \$96,524 of the record-breaking \$112,599 in total building started here during January, a survey of the city engineer's records showed this week.

New construction during the past month included five residences, \$9,875; one duplex, \$4,500; and three garages, \$1,250. Permits were issued this week for the following building projects:

R. E. McCaffery, 18 by 22 frame residence at 24254 Hawthorne ave., \$1,575.
Mrs. Susie Steepleton, reconstruct quake damaged store and lodge building at 2171 Torrance blvd., \$3,000.
L. P. Worthington, frame wash house and storeroom at 2141 West 23rd st., \$150.
Mrs. E. Mosher, re-roof store building at 1318-24 Sartori ave., \$125.
Los Angeles City Board of Education, strengthening of main brick chimney of Fern Avenue school, 1314 Fern ave., \$950.

Hemco Oil Company, 700-barrel corrugated galvanized tank at northeast corner of Torrance blvd. and Hawthorne ave., \$50.
A. M. Teel, four-room frame house at 24055 Ocean ave., \$2,900.

WANT C. D. MESSENGERS
Twenty young men between the ages of 18 and 21 are urgently needed as messengers for the Torrance Civilian Defense Control Board. They must obtain their parents' consent for their service and apply to Police Chief John Stroth at the police station.

Steelworker 'Cracks' Satevepost

Cam Jones' First Story Is Published This Week

Jaquith Ann didn't much care yesterday that her daddy saw himself in print as a Saturday Evening Post short-story writer although she did like the cover pictures of the 10 Sateveposts that jubilant Cam Jones showered down on her playpen at 2375 Torrance blvd.

Jaquith Ann didn't quite know why her parents were so happy. After all, they were just looking at some strange black and white designs on paper and didn't have a teddy bear to play with. But a 10-month-old baby girl couldn't understand that her daddy's first fiction yarn actually started on Page 16 of this week's Post with Norman Rockwell's grand picture of a soldier being surfeited by U.S.O. hostesses on the front cover.

"Everybody Can't Be Lucky" is Cam Jones' first successful flight into fiction. He wrote it nights—abducted by his wife—after he was through his work as a practice supervisor in the Columbia Steel sheet mill. It's a grand tale of steel making, too, although the author was careful to point out when interviewed that the tried and true literary

Aluminum Sheet Mill Location Not Lost Yet

The Torrance area is still definitely "in the picture" as a probable location of the huge aluminum sheet mill to complement other aluminum plant units now under construction here by the Defense Plant Corporation. This information was revealed in Washington this week by War Production Director Donald Nelson, who announced that he was re-opening the "entire matter" after receiving all facts about the controversy.

To offset threatened transfer of the aluminum rolling mill to Spokane, Wash., the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce sent some of its top ranking officials to the nation's capital last week, and it is believed that the strong presentations made were largely responsible for the re-consideration.

Heading off a threatened Congressional investigation, Nelson told Representative Costello (D), Hollywood, that a final report had come thru on the aluminum matter which necessitated re-adjustment of the whole picture. He indicated that figures submitted on the Spokane project by the War Department did not satisfy him.

Logical Location

According to Costello, the way is now open for renewed negotiations to establish the rolling mill as an integral part of the aluminum project now under construction at 190th st., between Western and Normandie aves. Nelson's plans call for a review of the aluminum needs of the aircraft industry—greatly increased since the proposal

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Red Cross to Gain From Sunday Concert



The first local appearance of the Palos Verdes Symphony Orchestra in nearly two years will be Sunday afternoon, Feb. 8, at the Civic Auditorium. Sponsored by the Torrance Rotary

A capacity audience is expected to enjoy the Red Cross benefit concert of the Palos Verdes Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Josef Piastro, with Albert Montrose, violinist, as soloist. The program has many highlights, including the presentation of the march "In Memoriam" composed by James F. Howe, well-known local insurance agent, which has been orchestrated and elaborated by the symphony's conductor.

The Torrance high school Madrigal Singers, directed by Mrs. Marjorie Eischen Cooke, will sing three numbers and Violinist Montrose's contribution to the

club and with the Torrance high school Madrigal Singers sharing the program, the concert's proceeds will be given to the local branch of the American Red Cross for the War Emergency fund.

will start at 3 o'clock. Tickets may be obtained at the Auditorium boxoffice that day—adults 55 cents, students and children 35 cents. Following is the program:

The Star Spangled Banner—J. S. Smith.
"Italian" Symphony in A major—Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy. First movement—allegro vivace.
Concert in B minor—C. Saint-Saens. For violin with orchestra accompaniment. Albert Montrose, soloist.
March "In Memoriam"—James F. Howe. Orchestrated and elab-